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Co-Chairman Senator Prague and Representative Ryan and the distinguished members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, my name is Chuck Berry I am the Assistant Administrator of the Soldiers', Sailors', and Marines Fund I am here in support of HB 6680 and 5153. If a military service member gets transferred his employed spouse has two choices 1 they can quit their job and move with the military service member and look for a job at the new station and tighten their belts until that spouse gets that new job or 2 Leave the service member and stay here and work and join them later. Sometimes I have seen where #2 does happen and the spouse stays in order to be sure that they can make ends meet at the new station. Not the preferable choice we should try to keep families together whenever we can. Everyone always talks about the sacrifices that the military men and women make everyday. Let us here in Connecticut recognize the sacrifices that the families of our military men and women make and say thank-you to them by providing this long overdue benefit
I would like to thank Representative Graziani and Representative Hamzy for writing these bills in support of our military families.